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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. HERR KLAUS RENKEN, CHAIRMAN OF STIFTUNGSKOMITEE ZUR VERLEIHUNG DER UMWELTSCHUTZ MEDAILLE, EV" (FOUNDATION COMMITTEE FOR AWARD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEDAL) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE ONE OF THE 10 MEDALS AWARDED ON JUNE 5, 1977. THIS MEDAL WILL BE PRESENTED AT A CEREMONY IN COLOGNE BY STATE SECRETARY HARTKOPF (DEPUTY MINISTER), FRG MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. OTHER 1977 RECIPIENTS INCLUDE A SENIOR GERMAN SCIENTIST (LIMNOLOGY), TWO YOUNG GERMAN SCIENCE-STUDENTS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP OF GERMAN STUDENTS, A DUTCH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP ("THE LITTLE EARTH") AND A GERMAN COMMUNITY LEADER. THIS COMMITTEE IS A SMALL PRIVATE, INTERNATIONAL GROUP, FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. THE MEDAL ITSELF IS DELIBERATELY INEXPENSIVE AND MODEST. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED A "DECORATION" BUT MERELY RECOGNITION OF AN ACHIEVEMENT OR CONTRIBUTION. THE GENERAL THEME OF THIS YEAR'S AWARD CEREMONY WILL BE PROTECTION AGAINST WATER POLLUTION, ALTHOUGH THE AWARDS COVER ALL AREAS

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OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY.

2. ACCORDING TO RENKEN, THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE A FIRM DECISION TO NAME PRESIDENT CARTER. THE LIST OF RECIPIENTS WILL PROBABLY BE ANNOUNCED IN A FEW DAYS. COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MEDAL COULD BE ACCEPTED ON THE PRESIDENT'S BEHALF BY AN APPROPRIATE

AMERICAN OFFICIAL FROM THE EMBASSY. COMMITTEE WOULD
BE PLEASED TO CLEAR THE CITATION WITH US IN ADVANCE.

3. COMMITTEE IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY ENVIRON-
MENTAL CONTRIBUTION MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER THROUGH
HIS ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY, AND WE ASSUME THAT
CITATION WOULD HIGHLIGHT THIS. MANY GERMAN ENVIRON-
MENTAL GROUPS ARE OPPOSED TO FRG NUCLEAR ENERGY
PROGRAM. RENKEN'S COMMITTEE HAS NOT RPT NOT PUBLICIZED
ITS VIEWS ON THIS POINT. NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY ABOUT
PRIOR AWARDS IS NOT CONTROVERSIAL IN THIS RESPECT.

4. WHILE THIS IS TO SOME EXTENT A SELF-SERVING EXER-
CISE, THESE ARE SERIOUS PEOPLE. WE WILL
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID HAVING PRESIDENT'S NAME
DRAWN INTO GERMAN DOMESTIC NUCLEAR POWER DEBATE.

5. IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED, EMBASSY WILL ACCEPT
ON BEHALF PRESIDENT.

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